

Due to these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action is respectfully requested.

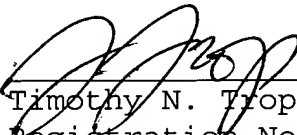
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